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### Premature Move...Fieldstad

## Budget Subcommittees Nixed

On the request of Town Manager Richard Bowen, and with the strong support of Councilor Richard Theroux, Town Council voted 11-3 Monday to dissolve the four standing budget subcommittees in favor of Bowen's concept to air the entire 1981-82 municipal budget before the full sitting council.

The only subcommittee not dissolved for the upcoming budgetary deliberations will be the 3-member committee assigned to evaluate and review the School Department's budget.

Council President Paul Fieldstad has appointed Councilors Andrew Gallano, John Bartnik, and Council Vice-President William Herd to the all-important subcommittee on the school budget.

Fieldstad today said that the council's passage of Bowen's proposal was premature. He said that the councilors who complain about the subcommittee structure "were the same ones who never showed up."

Bowen told councilors that because of the time factor involved in assembling a municipal budget in the year of Proposition 2 1/2, the council may not possess the necessary time to sit in traditional subcommittees to review the town's budget.

Bowen reminded councilors that during his interview for the vacant manager's post early last fall, he stressed that the council's most critical responsibility to the community rests with their ability to deal with the municipal budget process.

Bowen justified the dissolving of the subcommittees by stating that each and every departmental budget will be explained and that all increases over last year will be detailed in writing.

"There will be nothing left to anyone's imagination," Bowen said. "It is my full expectation that questions will be answered by department heads in the budget message."

Theroux, who for five years served as council president before being succeeded by Fieldstad in January, 1980, flatly commented that the budget subcommittee structure "does not work" and that reports submitted to the full council "do not have any detail."

He noted that poor attendance in the past has plagued budget subcommittees and that the structure could be termed as "duplication."

The council leadership took issue with Bowen's request.

According to Fieldstad, the budget subcommittees provided a flow of information between the individual committee and the entire council.

He noted that the council has 45 days to deliberate on the town budget, adding, "I like the idea of breaking the council into various segments of the budget. You can't expect the manager to have \$14 million worth of answers."

Herd advocated putting off Bowen's request until he presents the full budget to the council.

"We can still break down into subcommittees and if the budget is as good as it sounds now, we can cut down the committee time."

Both Fieldstad and Herd were in favor of dissolving the subcommittee structure next year if Bowen could prove that addressing the council as a whole proves successful this year.

Councilor Andrew Gallano, speaking in favor of the proposal, told his colleagues that the Manager was due the vote of confidence.

"I like the idea that this budget will be his (Bowen's) budget. He deserves this confidence. It will be his neck," Gallano said.

Bowen told councilors that department heads will not be required to attend his budget sessions unless unusual circumstances occur.



State Rep. Edward W. Connelly

## Rep. Connelly Renamed To Republican Leadership

House Republicans have overwhelmingly reappointed Agawam State Representative Edward W. Connelly to the Assistant Minority Leader post for the next two years. Connelly, entering his sixth term, will take the Republican helm alongside Minority Leader Rep. William Robinson.

Connelly, who serves Agawam, Southwick and six hill communities, first entered the Republican leadership in 1979 and over the past few years has been widely recognized as a leading figure on Beacon Hill.

### Outstanding Year

The reappointment by his colleagues to the leadership climaxes an outstanding legislative and political year for the 60-year old representative.

Last fall Connelly was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Massachusetts Association of Municipalities. He won the same award in 1975.

Connelly followed with a decisive November victory over Democratic challenger Rudy Altobelli. During the many budget battles last spring on Beacon Hill, Connelly emerged as a major political factor in pushing through bills in the Democrat-controlled House.

Said Connelly of his reappointment to the Republican leadership, "I think it's significant that the western part of the state does have some voice in the leadership of the House. Naturally that post filters down into the eight communities I represent."

"The bottom line is clout which, in political terms, means picking up support and getting things done for both the district and the state."

Before being named to the Republican leadership two years ago, Connelly served for three years on the Conference Committee for the state budget and served on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee from 1975 until 1979. See Connelly, Page 2

## Let's Make It In Massachusetts!



State Commerce Department officials Debbie Dowd, Felix Borawski, and Jodi Keven encourage energy conservation with Joseph Ferrari of the DePalma Transportation Company as they promote the state's theme "Make It In Massachusetts!" Photo By Jack Devine.



# School Committee Deliberates Budget

By Joanne Brown

At their meeting last Tuesday, the School Committee began an itemized review of their proposed \$7.5 million budget for 1981-82. Also sitting in on the meeting were the three members of the Town Council's subcommittee assigned to the school budget, William Herd, John Bartnik, and Andrew Gallano.

In its initial review of seven areas, the School Committee acknowledged two accounts for which no funds had been requested. No money was appropriated to improve sites or for building maintenance, an account principally covered by the town's Building Maintenance Department.

A health account appropriation for \$5,750 gained tentative approval. Included in this account is the retainer for the school physician and supplies he needs to conduct physical examinations for student athletes, etc.

The tentatively approved account for principals at \$454,984 reflects a decrease of \$16,000 over last year's figure. The approved figure includes negotiated salary increases, but also represents the elimination of the position of Danahy School principal scheduled to occur on June 30th when the school closes.

This account also includes the elimination of the Danahy secretary and one part-time secretary at the Junior High, as well as the reduction to a school-year position only of the secretary at the Middle School.

In reply to a query from Councilor Bartnik as to why two assistant principals are necessary at Agawam High, Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert explained the heavy administrative load for over 1,200 students dictated such additional personnel. He generally detailed the duties of each assistant and then flatly stated, "I think it would be impossible to operate that school without two assistant principals."

The \$135,375 account for supervisors showed a \$10,000 decrease from the current budget despite the inclusion of negotiated salary increases. The decrease can be principally attributed to the elimination of the

position of Director of Work Study, which becomes effective December, 1981, when David Skolnick will retire.

The Director of Special Education, Mrs. Dorothy Coon, also plans to retire effective August, 1981, and the difference in salary due to this occurrence influenced the overall proposed total granted tentative approval.

Among other accounts granted tentative approval was \$11,600 for audio-visual. This figure reflects a drastic reduction from the current \$44,725, much of which is represented in the elimination of the position of Director of Audio-Visual. Also reduced substantially was the overall amount allocated for film rentals and for supplies.

Hebert pointed out to committee members that each school has a teacher who coordinates audio-visual equipment and that he hopes these individuals can function as replacement for the director.

The final account reviewed at that meeting was the one for the School Committee itself. The \$26,498 figure tentatively approved is up considerably over the current \$18,500. The increase is principally in anticipation of greater call for attorney's services due to collective bargaining with the Agawam Education Association scheduled to reopen in the fall.

Prior to any in depth discussion began, School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni expressed his concern with the possibility of the Town Council not funding the entire budget as presented to that body.

He cited the loss of fiscal autonomy as his basis for concern as the Town Council is no longer obligated to appropriate monies as requested by the School Committee.

Both Hebert and Business Manager James Coon reiterated their stand that the School Department should submit as austere a budget as they feel educationally defensible and then rely on the Town Council to continue its past policy of providing the means for quality education.

## Connelly From Page 1

### Tough Budget Year

Connelly views the upcoming state budget, delivered by Governor Edward King to a joint session of the House and Senate last week, as being "an especially tough one to sort out," due to the projected impact of Proposition 2 1/2 on Bay State cities and towns.

King's decision to hold the local aid package to \$300 million will, according to Connelly, be challenged by Republicans and Democrats alike.

"I think it's safe to say that there will be a strong effort by many legislators to up the Governor's figure," he said.

He called a late spring vote on the aid package to cities and towns "an apple pie and motherhood vote."

Connelly said several projects he and several of his colleagues have been fighting for in recent years are coming into fruition, including the "Sunset Review" process which will review and evaluate state operated programs to determine their validity or discontinuance.

The Sunset Review process would provide each of these programs a specified period of time to prove their merit. King indicated that such a review may commence in last week's budget message, said Connelly.

"Instead of state government growing and getting bigger, this process may weed out the needless and overlapping programs and give the legislators a good handle on what the many state departments are doing," said he.

### Training Center On Tab

In an area closer to home, Connelly said King included \$600,000 in funds earmarked for the regional crime lab and police training academy to be located at the old Hampden County Retention School in Feeding Hills.

Architects are currently designing the renovation stages of the crime center. Connelly said the additional funds will supplement \$583,000 in funds already allocated to the crime center.

## Residents & Officials To Meet On Drainage

A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, February 11th, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Public Library on Cooper Street between residents of Karen Lynn Circle/North West Street and town officials. The purpose of this meeting is to solve various problems stemming from drainage difficulties in the area.

Invited to attend have been Town Manager Richard Bowen, DPW Head John Stone, Conservation Commission member Dorothy Nelsen, Precinct 2 councilors together with at-large councilors, and residents of the area.

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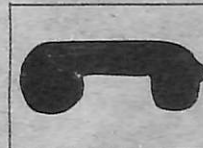
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## Gallano Rule Shot Down

An attempt by recently elected Councilor Andrew C. Gallano to put into Town Council's rules an annual election for its president was defeated Monday by a 10-4 vote.

Gallano, a two-time Charter Commission chairman, told councilors that included in two charters that were rejected by local voters in 1979 were provisions to hold annual elections for the council president each January.

Gallano said that his addition to the council's rules and regulations would still permit the council to reorganize its leadership at any point during the one year term.

Councilor Richard Theroux, a former five-year president, offered an amendment to Gallano's proposal that would have permitted councilors to reorganize just at the first meeting of January instead of anytime during the calendar year.

"I would like to see this accepted, but only if the council could reorganize just once a year. I think the council president deserves peace of mind for a full year and not have to worry about his last decision," Theroux explained.

When Gallano refused Theroux' amendment, Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos said, "If someone is not doing his job, he should be dismissed. Either the guy is not doing the job according to what the majority says or he is doing the job and the majority supports him."

Gallano said his motion was aimed at preventing future confusion over the changing of a council president after his one-year term had expired.

A recent attempt to move current President Paul Fieldstad failed, and Gallano said after the meeting he didn't want the public to misinterpret any future attempts to change the council leadership.

## Chamber Schedules Outlook '81

U. S. Senator William V. Roth Jr. (R-Delaware) will join Massachusetts Governor Edward King and Springfield Mayor Theodore Dimauro in the "Outlook '81" luncheon program, traditionally the largest meeting of business people and legislators in Western Massachusetts, on Friday, February 6th at the Springfield Civic Center.

Senator Roth is keynote speaker for the event which will recognize 64 local, state and federal legislators for work on behalf of their constituents. He is chief backer of tax reduction in the Senate, co-author of the Kemp-Roth bill, and principal sponsor of the Omnibus Trade Bill designed to create new incentives for exports.

Governor King will present the "State Outlook" focusing particularly on the Massachusetts business climate and exploring prospects for achieving greater prosperity for the year ahead.

Mayor Dimauro will present the "Local Outlook" addressing the challenges and opportunities facing Springfield and other local communities in 1981.

The program will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and tickets may be obtained by contacting the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, plaza level, Baystate West.

## NSA Program Of The Year

The National Secretaries Association (International) 1981 Program of the Year will focus on the issue "Invasion of Privacy" with most of the 804 chapters participating.

Springfield Chapter President, Laura S. Coppola, announced that its membership will meet for this program on Wednesday, February 18th at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield beginning with cocktails at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. The "Invasion of Privacy" program will consist of a panel of speakers moderated by Rosemary Cooper, CPS, covering the financial, legal and medical aspects.

Area secretaries wishing to join Springfield Chapter may contact M. Frances Combs, CPS, at the Great Oaks Insurance Co., 66 Industry Avenue, Springfield.

Members and guests should make reservations for this meeting with Dorothy Granger at 118 Catalpa Terrace, Springfield, prior to Friday, February 13th.

## Insurance Women To Host Bosses Night Meeting

The Hampden County Chapter of Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women, Inc. will host their bosses at the February 10th meeting at the Holiday Inn, Holyoke, with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Kevin Casey, special investigator for the Insurance Crime Prevention Institute of Connecticut, will discuss fraudulent claims in insurance companies. A film will also be shown.

Reservations can be made by calling Christine Parzychowski at 592-0914.

## Council Okays Town Motors

After three rejections, Town Council has approved a Class III dealer's permit to Richard Melloni to operate Town Motors at 393 Main Street. Melloni received an 8-5 vote of the council during a 35-minute debate that again brought several abutting residents out to protest Melloni's request.

By passing the license, the council put a halt to an unofficial two-year ban on Class III dealership licenses.

Melloni, a 38-year resident of Agawam, told councilors that since the last rejection of an application for a dealership license at the site, he had met each and every requirement that several councilors had indicated would be necessary to win their support.

Previously, Frank Pignatere, owner and operator of Frank Pignatere's Auto Service Center, had been denied the dealership because of protests from abutting neighbor Pasqual Calabrese and several residents from the adjacent Northfield Commons apartment complex.

Abutting residents complained that an auto dealership would devalue property and increase traffic. Similar arguments of dissent were lodged Monday night.

Pignatere, however, said the traffic problem in the area, which is zoned predominantly business, was created on a daily basis by Northfield Commons and that a four-car dealership, as requested by Melloni, would create no significant traffic to Main Street.

Melloni said there would be a 50-foot buffer strip between his lot and the home of Pasqual Calabrese of 425 Main Street. Calabrese's home abuts the lot.

Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos, who on all three occasions has been opposed to granting a dealership license at the site, noted that Melloni had met previous site requirements and "once they complied with the laws, we lose that argument and have to look to other things, such as the number of used car licenses in the community."

Paleologopoulos said while the community may possess some 51 used car licenses, many are currently not in use.

Again expressing vehement opposition to the proposal was Councilor Richard Theroux.

According to Theroux, his opposition rested with the "history to this license" and that despite claims by the applicants, "nothing really has changed" since Pignatere was turned down for the third time late last summer.

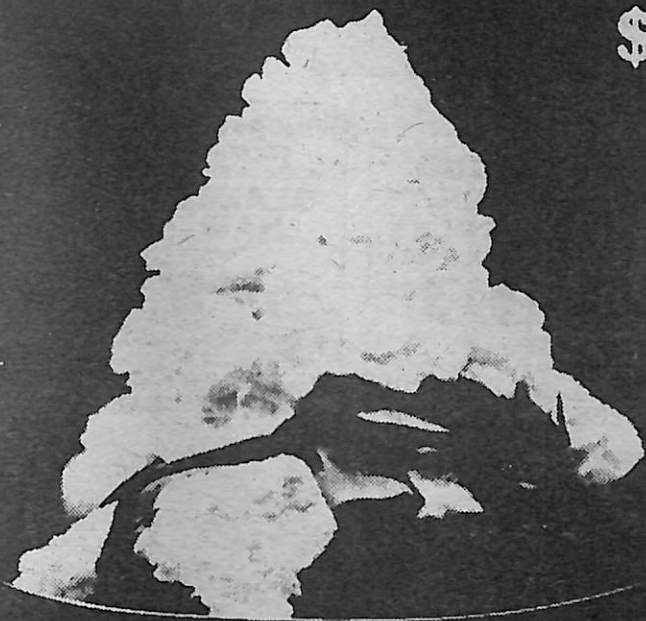
Council President Paul Fieldstad, who opposed granting the permit to Melloni, said he questioned whether or not the town could enforce the four-car limit at the site, an item that several councilors later noted was a problem with many existing used-car permits.

On the final vote, Councilors Donald Rheault, Frederick Nardi, Stephen Cincotta, Elaine Bonavita, Alfred Serra, William Herd, Andrew Gallano, and Paleologopoulos supported issuing the permit.

Councilors Alfred Trehey, John Bartnik, and Robert DeForge joined Theroux and Fieldstad in dissent.

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## For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Those of you who have watched the Muppets are familiar with its host, Kermit the Frog. Well, Kermit has a special song, *It's Not Easy Being Green*. It's a cute song dealing with the problems one faces being so different. I would imagine that at some time in our lives everyone of us could sing that song and simply substitute our own word for GREEN. It's not easy being the youngest, the oldest, the tallest, the shortest, etc.

But sometimes it's not easy just being. At various ages, we tend to look at some other age and wish we were there. The young want to be older, and the old wish they were young again. They tend to look at some other age and wish we were there. The young want to be older, and the old wish they were young again. These are wasted wishes. In terms of years, there is nothing we can do about the age we are. The main thing to remember is "age is really a state of mind."

When one of England's prime ministers resigned at the age of 60, he proclaimed "I'm too old for the job." He was then replaced by a gentleman who was 64. Obviously he didn't feel he was too old. And that means never too old to continue what you are currently doing and never too old to begin something new.

If you haven't visited the Senior Center yet, get going. It's a great place to meet old friends and make some new ones and to get involved in some "new beginnings." There is something there for everyone. Art classes, exercise programs, dancing, bingo, pool and much more.

One of the center's best features is the hot lunch program. They really provide a great meal for 60¢. In going over the records for 1980, the center served 28,763 meals. This averages out to 114 per day. Their contract permits 126 per day, so they are almost to capacity. So give a call and make a reservation the day before you want to go and give it a try. You won't be sorry.

The center also announces its Valentine Party coming up. Friday, February 13, is the date and it includes lunch and then dancing afterwards. They are limited to 150 so be sure to call and make your reservation for that special date - 786-0400, ext. 242.

The NRTA-AARP will be conducting two tax assistance sessions at the Senior Center. This is a free program and you are welcome to make an appointment to avail yourself of this service. The two sessions will be on February 24 and March 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The center holds two Hypertension Clinics each month. Again, this is a free service. They are held the first and third Tuesday of each month. The next one will be February 17th and will for those whose last names begin with M through Z.

On the first Wednesday of each month, there is a foot clinic for the nominal fee of \$8. There will be no clinic in March, but check for April.

A very important service provided is the health screening program. It is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at no charge. It includes blood pressure, hematocrit, blood sugar and urinalysis. This is offered on an appointment basis, so please call Dorothy or Margaret to make your appointment. But please remember, this is not a substitute for your annual examination by your physician.

Nancy Cushman reports from the Golden Agers that the regular meeting of that group held on January 28th boasted a full house. No doubt everyone wanted to be on hand to greet new members into the club. New members include Harold and Martha Hagbund, Helen Sprandle, Laura and Raymond Delaghnay, Joseph and Helen Vermenin, Florence Baker, Ann Guide, Catherine Commesso, Concetta Ferrero, Mary Oconni, Sophia Fitzgerald, Edith and Joseph Mechard, Celia and Lewis Rebecchi, Walter and Emmy Platz, Veronica and George Smith, and Margaret and George McHillop. I know these members are going to enjoy themselves in this fun group.

Alice Waugh just returned from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and tells of weather so warm, they used the air conditioning. (I'm not sure we want to hear that Alice).

The Golden Agers would like to thank the UNICO Club for giving the members 200 free tickets to the Pancake Breakfast to be held at the Dante Club in West Springfield on February 22nd. We really appreciate it.

There is a special program under the direction of the Police Department and the Post Office. The Boy Scouts will come and paint the numbers on your house for you for free. A nice idea.

The next meeting will be February 11 and they'll play Grocery Bingo. Hope to see you there.

Life is handed us  
Like a ball of clay  
To form and shape  
In our own special way.

Rita White



From her experience at frequent games held at the Senior Center, Virginia Pugh has become an expert at playing many Bingo cards simultaneously. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Pomona Grange To Meet

On Friday, February 13, the Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange will meet at the Grange Hall on North West Street, Feeding Hills.

The program will be "A Patriotic Salute" will include music, slides and comments presented by Mrs. Donna Herman, chairman of the Educational Aid Committee. It will feature seasonal holidays and the contribution to the State Educational Aid Fund, which grants loans at 2% interest and this year is offering 45 scholarships of \$400 each to qualified grange members.

The regular business meeting conducted by Thomas Colthart of Southampton will follow. Refreshments will be served by Feeding Hills Grange members.

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## Jaycee-ette Week: February 8-14

Jaycee-ettes, who believe that together they can make a difference, are celebrating the week of February 8-14 as U.S. Jaycee-ette Week.

As an organization of 45,000 young women between the ages of 18 and 35, the Jaycee-ettes provide individual development and leadership training to women, who in turn use that training to better their communities.

Nationally, the Jaycee-ettes support such programs as Muscular Dystrophy, governmental affairs, Cystic Fibrosis, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Locally, the Agawam Jaycee-ettes are active in programs such as Patch the Pony, CPR, Halloween Poster Contest and Parade, Muscular Dystrophy, Camp Lincoln Hill and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes have promoted community service in Agawam for over ten years, and today have 14 members. They are members of the U.S. Jaycee-ettes.

Local chapter president is Gerri Milliken of Channel Drive. Vice-president is Joanne Taylor; secretary, Kathy Cassanelli; and treasurer, Sandy Dubay.

They meet monthly on the first Tuesday at the home of various members. Membership is open to any young woman between the ages of 18 and 35 who resides in Agawam. If interested, please contact Gerri Milliken at 789-0105 or any of the other officers.

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes will hold a membership/orientation meeting on Thursday, February 12th at the home of Vice-President Joanne Taylor.

Information on the chapter's beginning and accomplishments along with details on the state and national organizations will be presented.

Special guest speaker will be David Skolnick with a presentation on the art of self-defense. Skolnick is currently conducting a program in this area at the Junior High School gym on Tuesday evenings.

If interested in attending this meeting, contact Gerri Milliken at 789-0105 or Joanne Taylor at 786-5630.

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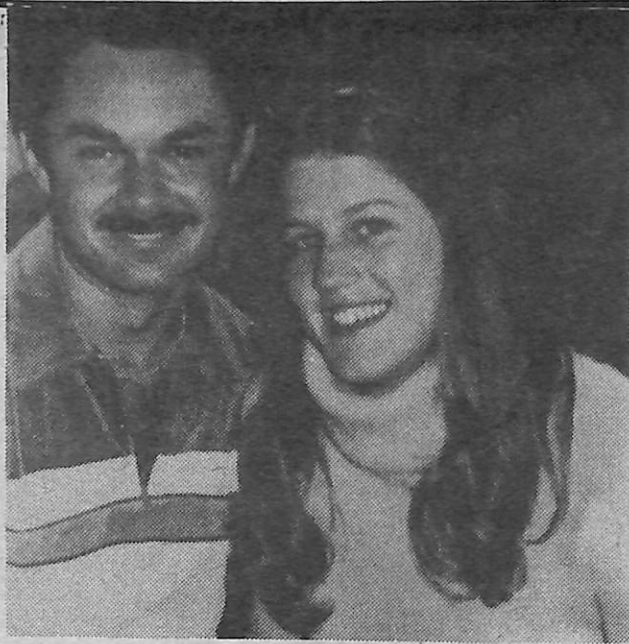
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Dan Kardasinski & Loriann Lindsay

## Loriann Lindsay Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Lindsay of Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Loriann, of Temple City, California, to Daniel S. Kardasinski of Arcadia, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Kardasinski of Temple City.

The bride-elect graduated from Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is a radiological technologist employed by the Village Medical Clinic in El Monte, California.

Her fiancé graduated from LaSalle High School in California and received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. He is employed as a clinical pharmacist at Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Arcadia.

An April 25th wedding is planned at the Agawam United Methodist Church.



Aprille Soderman, President of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, and Harry Camyre, of the Agawam Rotary demonstrate the excitement felt by the lucky winners of their organizations joint fundraising effort. Photo By Jack Devine

## Community Christmas Club Successful

The Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Rotary Club combined forces this fall to raise monies for local civic and charitable purposes. The two non-profit organizations started a Community Christmas Club. For those who enjoy the excitement of games of chance, it was a real hit.

The idea for the CCC was presented by Aprille Soderman, president of the Agawam Juniors, who saw the potential for a very worthwhile and enjoyable fundraising opportunity. She also felt that each civic organization could work well together for the benefit of the community.

The Rotary Club was asked to participate in this joint venture, and Rev. Paul Woodbury, president; Roger Proulx, treasurer; and Frank Lauriente met with Mrs. Soderman and Carol Couchon, Juniors' treasurer, to work out the details of this unique fundraising project.

Each participant in the CCC contributed \$1.00 per week for ten weeks to become a member. (Participants need not be members of either organization or a resident of Agawam.) In return for the \$10 donation, each participant chose a "lucky" number which would be his/hers throughout the ten-week period.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 26th, at the noontime meeting of the Rotary Club, official drawings were held and \$100 was given away to lucky CCC members. Each week there were three winners: one for \$50 and two for \$25. This continued for ten weeks until January 28th when a total of 30 names had been drawn.

As a bonus, on the evening of the final weekly drawing, two additional drawings were held at the Silver Carriage Inn. The Grand Prize of \$500 was won by Rotarian David Delancey whose lucky number was 112. In addition, a "special" drawing for \$100 was held for anyone who had sponsored six or more Christmas Club members. Barbara O'Connor, past president of the Juniors, won with the lucky number 84.

According to Carol Couchon and Roger Proulx, co chairpersons of the project, it was a huge success. Each organization realized about \$400, which each plans to donate to local charitable endeavors. Both civic organizations hope to offer the Community Christmas Club again next year, starting much earlier so that the Grand Prize drawing will take place prior to Christmas. It is hoped that more people will join the CCC next year and increase the funds these fine organizations will have distribute.

Winners of the weekly prizes are as follows:

\$50: Francis McGrath, Donald Hout, John Sarat Sr., Lori Wislocki, George Favreau, Chris Quinn, Walter Pietras, Timothy O'Connor, Hal Oppenheimer, and Robert Clark Sr.

\$25: Frank Lauriente, Richard Beach, Frank Chriscola, Donald Riga, Mrs. James Gray (twice), Fabiola Gamache, Francis Malone, Marge Feil, Lori Wislocki, Randolph Fox, Ralph Stone (twice), Sue Frankenburg, Thomas Whitehead, Barbara O'Connor, Bryan Connery, William Osborn, Muriel Dexter, and Mary Tatro.

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## "On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

URSULA O'NEILL of 72 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, deserves our best wishes. Last week she retired from Mass. Mutual Insurance Company, where she had worked as a secretary in the Cost Department for the past nine years.

On January 14th (her 65th birthday) about 35 close friends, fellow workers, and family members gathered at the Storowton Tavern for a lovely retirement party in her honor. Last Friday was Ursula's final day on the job and many of her co-workers stopped by with flowers and gifts to wish her well.

Ursula has a very healthy attitude towards retirement; she looks at it as a "new adventure." She plans to do more volunteer work with the Red Cross and hospital, to travel especially to Vermont for cross-country skiing, and to spend more time enjoying her four grandchildren who live in Holyoke and West Springfield. Her daughter, PAT JONES, is a reading teacher at the Agawam Middle School.

Ursula, we hope this first week is just the beginning of a retirement that's filled with happiness.

TONY & ELLEN CHIBA of Feeding Hills increased Agawam's population by one special person on January 14th with the birth of SETH MICHAEL. Their firstborn weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 23 inches long (!).

"A big, beautiful baby!" exclaimed Grandma EDYTHE CHIBA, wife of Advertiser/News columnist BILL CHIBA. Old hands at grandparenting, Bill and Edythe welcome the chance to babysit Seth. "He's a good baby and very active and alert. It's hard to believe he's only two weeks old," said the proud grandparents.

Seth's maternal grandparents are NICK & JUNE MADAMAS of 84 Norris Street, Feeding Hills. The baby is their first grandchild.

Great-grandparents include MARY CHISSON of Hall Street, KATHERINE & EDWARD REIL of 15 Sutton Place, and MARY & WILLIAM CHYBA of Heritage Hall, Agawam.

Baby Seth, who has rather large hands and feet for his age, has reportedly been measured for a bowling ball by his dad, who looks forward to his companionship at the Agawam Bowl.

Arriving one week behind schedule was BRIDGET LEE, first child born to DORIS & JAMES DONAVAN, who presently reside at 1540 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. From her hospital bed, Mom tells us that Bridget was born on January 30th, weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length.

Bridget is the first granddaughter of DANIEL & BEVERLY MORASKI of 89 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are FRANK & EDITH DONOVAN of 301 Rowley Street, Agawam.

Great-grandparents of the dark-haired, chubby-faced cherub are James Donovan of Brighton, Mass. and Lenore Flagg of Boston. Chosen to act as Bridget's godparents are DANA LEE MORASKI of 89 Granger Drive and ALBERT DESMARAIIS of 321 Rowley Street.

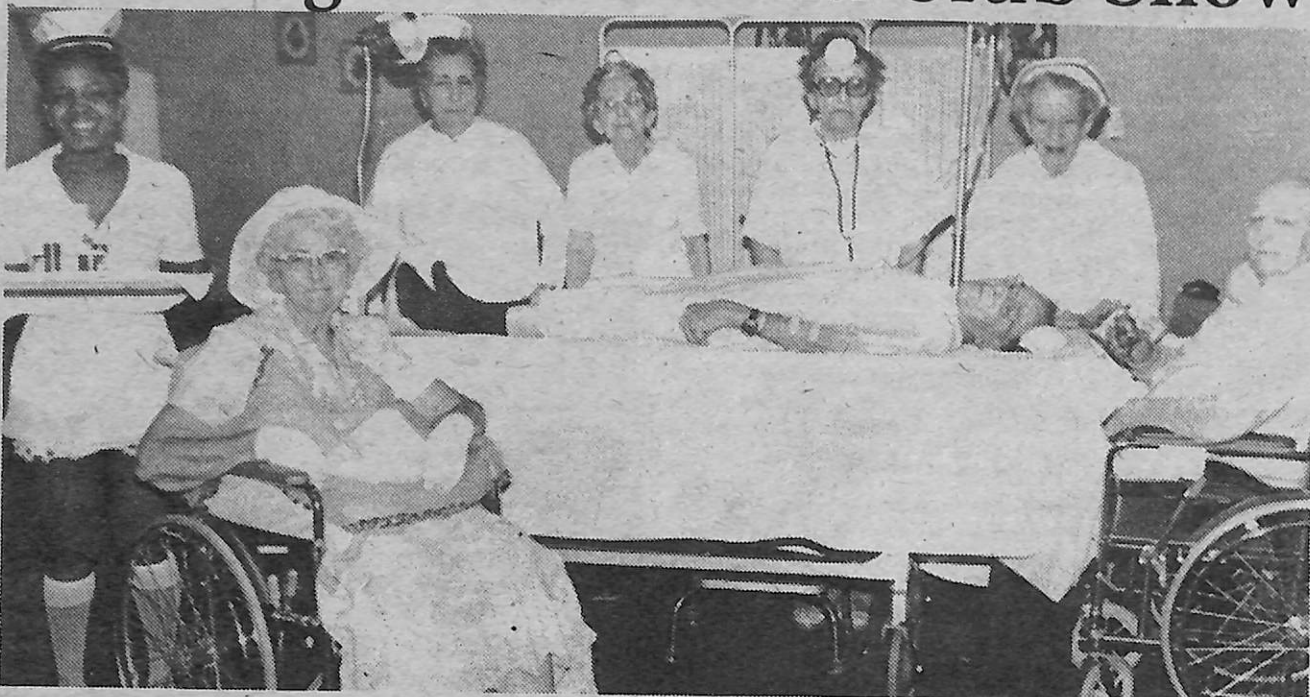
Three creative Agawam people have received first place state recognition for their entries in various poster contests. At the mid-winter conference of the Massachusetts State Federation of Junior Women's Clubs, TODD CONNERY of 84 Robin Ridge Drive took first prize for his collage on the theme of "Money Management." The Agawam Junior High School student illustrated in collage form where he would spend \$5.00 and received a silver dollar and a T-shirt for his entry.

Creativity obviously runs in the family for Todd's sister LISA CONNERY won first place on the fifth grade level in a contest regarding traffic safety. The 10-year-old Danahy School student designed a collage around the singular theme of bicycle safety. Perhaps Lisa will be a Safety Bug like her mother when she grows up. (The "Safety Bug" is a costumed character designed by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and worn by its members to teach safety to area youngsters.)

First prize in the state was also awarded to APRILLE SODERMAN of 19 Losito Lane, this year's president of the Agawam Juniors. Aprille created a poster surrounding the theme of "The Able Disabled" and, using symbolism and simple geometric shapes, illustrated a woman helping a child up stairs to reach a gym ring. This poster has special significance in that it symbolizes the volunteer efforts of many of the club members who are actively helping a local disabled child reach his goals.

[You are welcome to send items of social or personal interest to Penny Stone at 72 Federal Street (Phone: 786-9144) or to call the newspaper office at 786-7747 to leave a message.]

## Heritage Hall Drama Club Show



The Heritage Hall Nursing Home Drama Club will present *Lordie, Lordie, It's My Heart* at South Building on February 13th at 6:30 p.m. The \$1 admission charge will go to the American Heart Fund. From left to right at rehearsal are Gladys Samson, Doris Williams, Bea Marcil, Betty King, Sophie Banner, Grace Farnest, Bill Rosner, and patient Homer Paro. For more information, call 786-8000, ext. 44. Photo by Jack Devine.

### Turnverein To Sponsor Valentine's Day Hop

Come one - Come all!

The Springfield Turnverein, 76 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, will hold its second Oldies Dance of the series on February 14th, Valentine's Day. They invite everyone to enjoy the night out with their sweetheart.

Songs of the 50's, 60's, and 70's with "We BeeBop Productions" as the disc jockey of fine music.

Tickets are available by reservation. Call the Turnverein at 786-0924 or Howard Sawyer at 568-0364. Donation is \$2.50. Refreshments and kitchen service is available.

### Jaycee-ettes To Sponsor Record Hop

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes will sponsor a Record Hop on Saturday, February 14th, at the Dante Club, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Come and bop, swing or hustle to the beat of the 50's, 60's, and 70's played by D.J. Fran Milliken.

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to Camp Lincoln Hill, an establishment for retarded citizens funded solely by the Massachusetts Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes.

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## OBITUARIES

### Frank D. Davis

Frank D. Davis, 72, of 63 Cleveland Street, Feeding Hills, died Sunday, February 1, 1981, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Agawam for 42 years and was a retired employee of Westinghouse Electric Company. He was a member of the Mount Orthodox Lodge of Masons, West Springfield.

He leaves his wife Pauline (Morris); a daughter, Donna Smith of Florida; four brothers, Earl and Ernest, both of Westfield; Arthur of Agawam; and Edward of Southwick; a sister, Fannie Gelgut of Southwick; and three grandchildren.

Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, was in charge of services with burial in New Cemetery, Southwick.

### Anna M. Shelanskas

Anna M. (Yucaneer) Shelanskas of 385 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died Sunday, February 1, 1981, in a local nursing home.

A retired employee of Buxton, Corporation, she was the widow of John M. Shelanskas and a member of Sacred Heart Church, the American Legion Auxiliary of Enfield, and the Agawam Senior Center.

She leaves three sons, Anthony of Feeding Hills, Robert, and Raymond both of Suffield; a daughter, Eleanor Valickus of Gilford, Conn.; two sisters, Elizabeth Macknis and Nellie Wilson, both of Connecticut; and nine grandchildren.

Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven, Connecticut.

### Katherine M. Zaucha

Katherine M. (Jarosz) Zaucha, 84, of 886 Main Street died Saturday, January 31, 1981, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

The widow of Ignacy Zaucha, she was born in Poland and lived in Agawam for 57 years. She was a member of the Agawam Baptist Church.

She leaves a son, Stanley Zanchi of Longmeadow; three daughters, Stella Desnarais of Agawam, Jennie Gingas of New York, and Frances Moffett of East Longmeadow; and six grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel, Agawam, was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

## Lung Assoc. Offers Quit Smoking Kit

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In Indianapolis where this program was tested, of those participating, 41% quit smoking completely or temporarily, while 49% did not quit but indicated that they had become more knowledgeable about the health hazards.

The Lung Association realizes that it's not easy for everyone to quit; people have to stop in their own time, in their own way. This program offers another possible way to kick the habit for less than the price of a carton of cigarettes.

For more information, call or write the Western Mass. Lung Association at 393 Maple Street, Springfield, 01105, 737-3506.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 11th  
St. Anthony's Hall  
Trippa Supper  
6-8 p.m.

February 14th  
Turnverein  
Oldies Dance  
76 Garden Street  
8 p.m.

February 13th  
Aga. Congo Church  
Dessert Card Party  
745 Main Street  
1 p.m.

February 14th  
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## Sacred Heart Group Slates Card Party

On Thursday, February 19th, the Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a public card party - "Stars and Stripes" - to be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

A donation of 99¢ will cover refreshments, door prizes, and the game of your choice with all proceeds to be used to promote scholarships for two seniors in the C.C.D. program who plan to further their education. Tickets may be obtained at the door, at the rectory, or from society members.

Honorary chairman for this event is Rev. Joseph Flood, C.S.S. Society President is Dolores Wagner, and chairmen for the event are Rose Mercadante and Ethel Dumond.

In charge of other committees are as follows: Julia Zajchowski, tickets; Helen Liptak, table prizes; Martha Draghetti and Mary Davis, door prizes; Trudi Beavis, special prizes; Dolores Morassi and Mary Spinelli, refreshments; and Jeanne Moriarty and Sue Pettazzoni, publicity.

All are welcome.

## St. John's Offers Social Activities

St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, has been sponsoring various social activities for parishoners throughout the months of January and February.

Among those being offered are a women's exercise program, a pre-school activity hour, macrame, dance classes, youth indoor soccer and street hockey, new games, martial arts, and adult get-togethers for cards or checkers, volleyball, and basketball.

New activities will begin on March 3rd, and any registered parishoner may join. Leadership is being provided by undergraduate and graduate students from Springfield College.

## Operation Friendship To Sponsor Supper

Operation Friendship, the youth group of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, will sponsor a public supper on Saturday, February 7th with continuous servings from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu will consist of tomato juice, ham and pineapple, cole slaw, candied yams or mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, cherry crisp and beverage.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for children 12 and under. Reservations may be made by calling 786-5061 or 786-5144.

A bake sale will be conducted at the same time.

## Longmeadow Church Slates Travelogue

Mr. Louis DelPadre will present an illustrated travelogue on his visit to Japan on Thursday, February 12th, at the First Church of Christ, 763 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, at 7:30 p.m.

The Travel Series is open to the public, and a \$2.00 donation at the door will support the ministry of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield.

Future programs on travel are also planned. For further information, call Rev. Thomas W. Olcott at 733-2149.

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Rev. Kurt Herber

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Sunday: Morning Service 10:30; Evening Service 7:00; Church School, 10:30

Wednesday evening: Prayer group meetings 7:00

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21 No. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills  
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# THE FEATURES PAGE

## The Great Skate!

By Rita White

One of my favorite gifts on my tenth birthday was a pair of roller skates. At the risk of dating myself, I will tell you that in my neighborhood, in those days, only basketball players wore sneakers and little girls wore dresses, not jeans. What this meant was that my shoes spent a lot of time at the shoemaker's, having soles put back on, after they had been ripped off by skate clamps, and my knees spent a lot of time in the bathroom having iodine put on them.

Well, obviously the little girl with two braids flying and a skate key on a ribbon around her neck is gone, but skating has gone on to become a major participation event in America today.

It is estimated that some 45,000,000 people skate today. What's the secret? How did skating become so popular? The televised "roller derbies" have to take some of the credit. Susan Maiolo, owner of the Rollaway in Agawam, says she thinks the fact that so many movie stars have taken up skating has put more glamour in it.

Skating is not a new recreational pastime. Back in the 1700's in the Netherlands, ice skating was a favorite pastime, and people wanted something similar in the warm weather. The first roller skates were wooden spools attached to strips of wood nailed to wooden shoes. In 1863, J. L. Plimpton of New York developed skates that featured two pairs of boxwood wheels geared so the skates would turn more easily.

In 1864, Everett H. Barney of Springfield, Massachusetts, began selling roller skates to the American public, and Plimpton opened the first rink in Newport, Rhode Island. It was onward and upward from there.

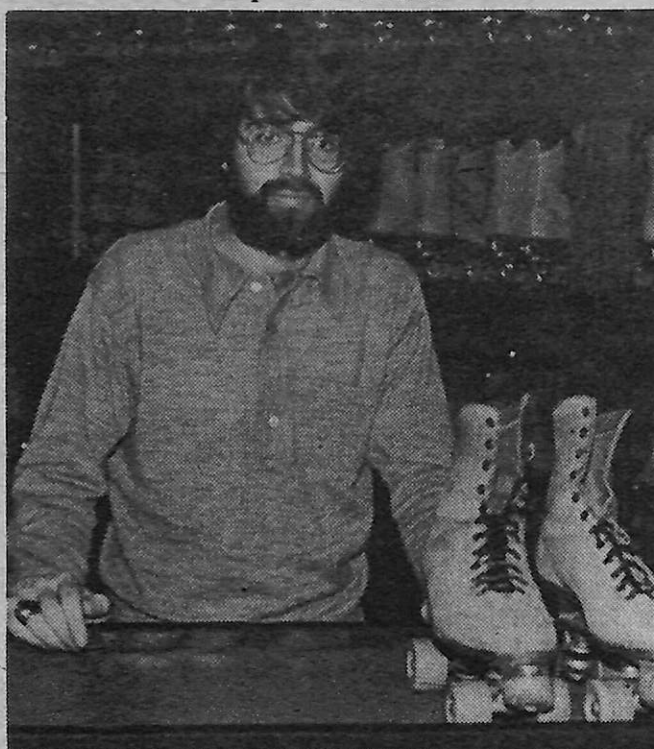
By 1882, some of the events on roller skates included pushball, basketball, polo, sprint racing, and high-jump. There was even a six-day race one in Madison Square Garden and the winner skated 1,091 miles.

Today there are over 5,000 commercial rinks in Canada and the United States and countless more the world over. Some colleges even give credit courses in gym class in skating.

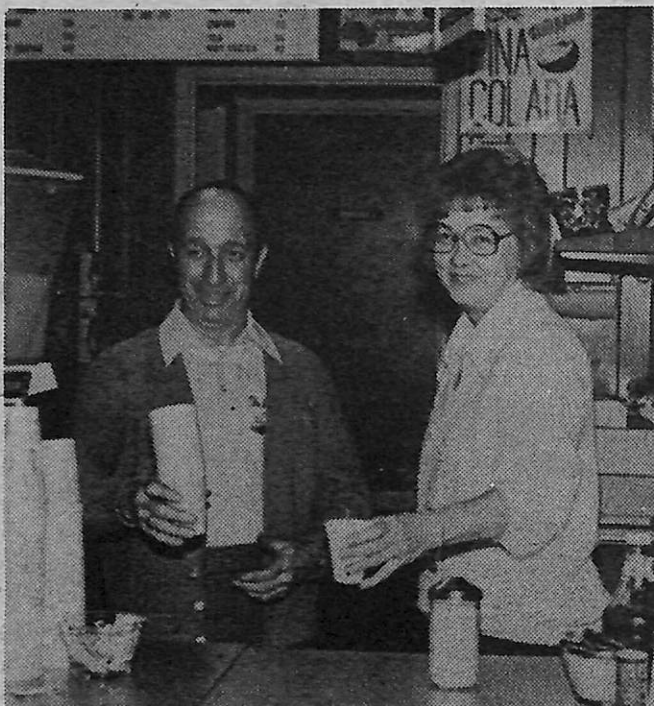
Skating has become a great competitive activity. It is expected to be an exhibition event at the 1984 Olympics, and it is hoped that it will become one of the regular competitive events in future Olympics.

There are various types of skating: dance, figure, free style, speed and hockey. Obviously not all types are for everyone, but there is a type for everyone. The participants found at the rinks today range from toddlers to grandparents. It is a great family sport. It does not need to be expensive as most rinks today do rent equipment out.

For those who wish to own their own skates, they should really shop around. As in everything there are some products on the market that are a total waste of money, not to mention hazardous. Check with the people at the roller rinks for advice on the different brands available.



David Maiolo, co-owner of The Rollaway, is usually on hand to give advice on skating equipment and to rent skates to those who wish to enjoy the sport yet do not have their own skates.



Hot Dog and Dot Longo willingly man the refreshment area to provide relief from thirst or hunger that builds up as Rollaway patrons engage in strenuous skating activities.

PHOTOS BY JACK DEVINE

For those who go into the more athletic forms of skating such as speed or hockey, there is more equipment recommended such as knee pads, wrist guards, and helmets. For the most part, however, simple dress, such as long sleeved blouses or shirts and slacks that come down to the instep, are fine. A stretch material is even better.

The rinks themselves have come a long way. Back in the 50's and 60's, roller rinks had simple lighting and live organ music played. Today, there are rinks that are geared to disco, rock and traditional.

The Agawam Rollaway for one is a new building and feels that it is one of the better rinks here in the East. They are a member of the RSROA, an organization that promotes high standards of skating and safety. The Rollaway has a pro shop that sells skating equipment and also repairs skates. There is a pro who gives classes. He is ranked No. 4 in New England as coach of a speed team.

Becoming a pro is also a good field to think of entering. With skating being as popular as it is today, there is a shortage of good teachers. Norwood Rink in Boston has six pro teachers.

The nice thing about skating is that it is for all ages. The Rollaway has skates for rent from a toddler size 7 up to adult size 14. And in case you've stopped in to take a look on a Friday or Saturday night and thought it was too fast and too full of kids, take heart. The Rollaway has a terrific program that includes evenings set aside for a slower pace with good old organ music for those who want artistic dance type. There are times set aside for mothes and pre-schoolers, beginner lessons, etc.

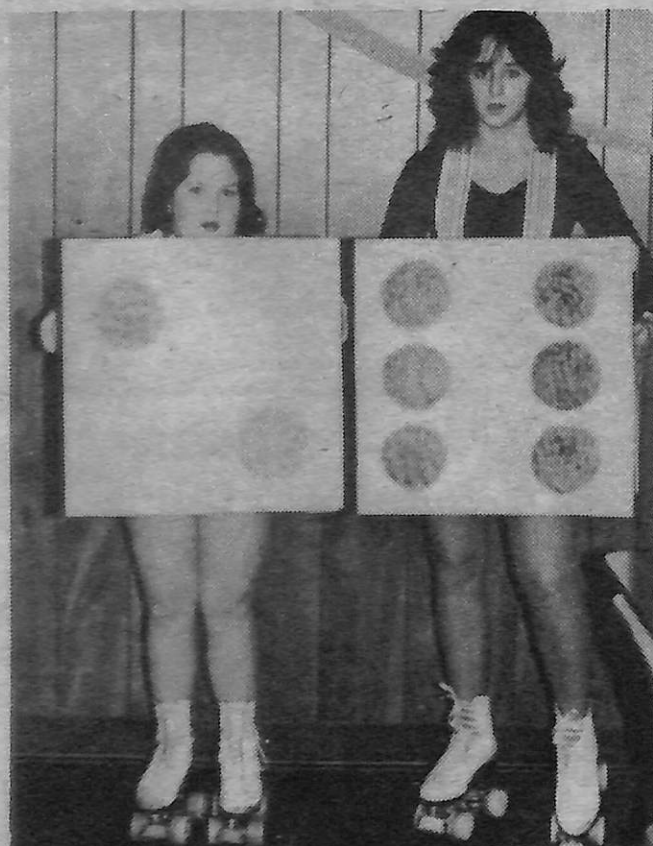
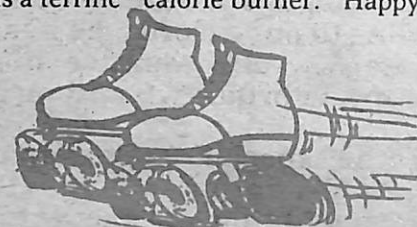
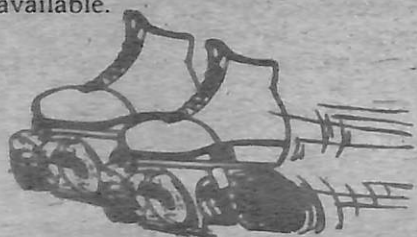
The Rollaway is only one of many rinks in our area. Chicopee, Enfield, and soon, one in the Holyoke Mall, to name a few.

The teenagers make up a large portion of today's skaters. In a random survey of some junior high school kids, most said they loved skating; they go at least once a week; and their parents seem to approve of where they are and what they're doing. A great boon to parents has been the skating party. Instead of trying to plan a birthday party at home for a select few kids, the roller rinks can be reserved at certain times for private parties.

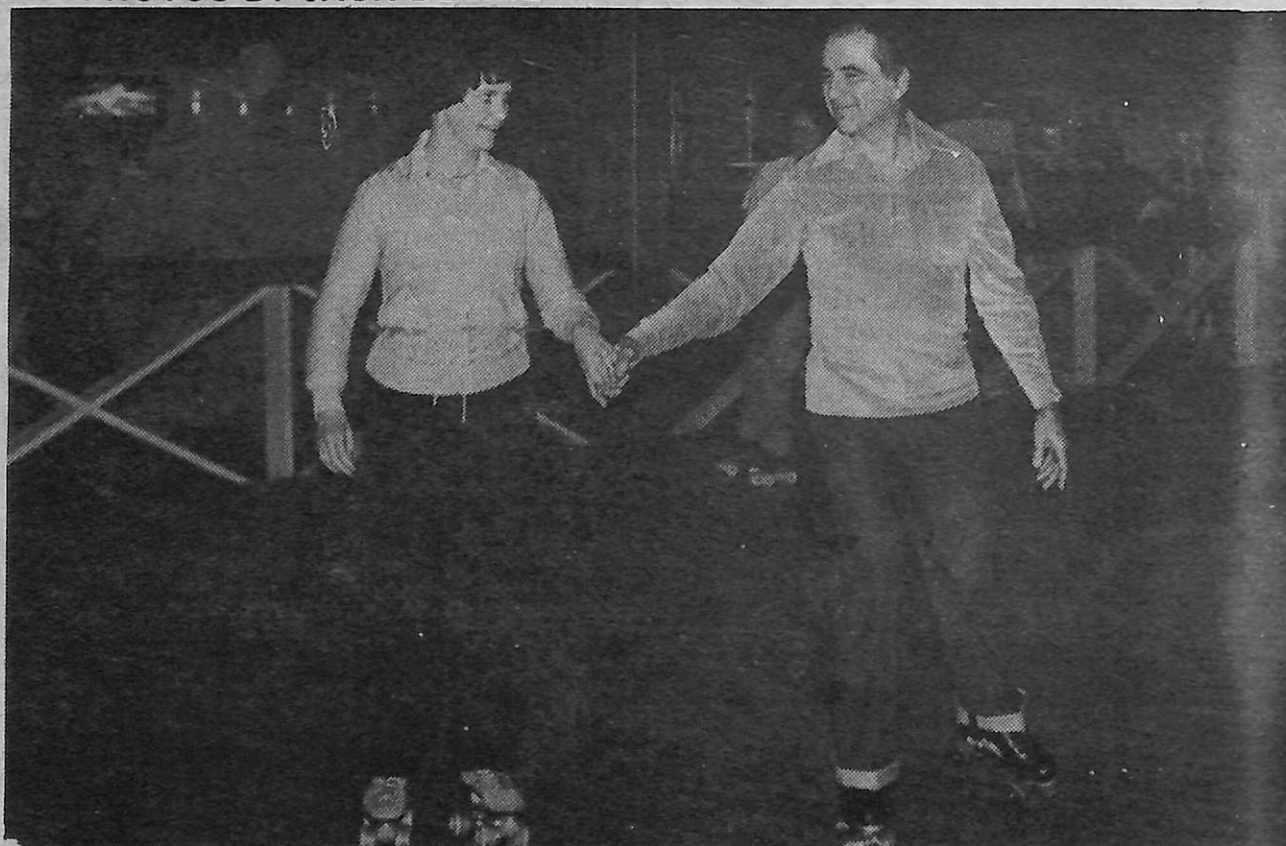
Susan Maiolo says that skating has "come a long way the last 25 years, especially with families. They have come to realize it is a good, clean sport and fun. It is something that is for all ages and is good for the community."

Most roller rinks across the country are also involved in charity work as well, setting aside certain events, etc., from which proceeds go to various charities.

If you've never tried it, be daring; if you just haven't done it in a long while, be brave; and if you are a regular participant, keep it up. One final reward is that it is a terrific "calorie burner." Happy skating!



Heather Casineau and Lee Leoree display some oversized rubber dice used in one of the many games organized for play on roller skates.



Eileen and Bob Robar are one of many couples to participate in the "couples only" round of skating held periodically at the Rollaway.



# EDITORIAL

## Replacing Rheault A Mistake

To say the least, we were extremely surprised and disappointed that Council President Paul Fieldstad chose to replace Precinct Three Councilor Donald Rheault with Councilor John Bartnik, another Precinct Three representative, as chairman of Town Council's Route 57 subcommittee.

Regardless of the many accusations and denials, political or otherwise, we have heard when listing reasons for Rheault's dismissal as chairman, this fact remains clear: that Rheault, more than any other present councilor, has the background and experience to ensure that no untimely missiles that may further hinder its eventual construction are hurled at the much needed extension.

We have in the past disagreed with several positions taken by Councilor Rheault on various municipal issues. But in this case, he's been right on the button in serving his district and the community.

Rheault, on the unanimous mandate of each and every elected council and School Board member in Agawam, carried the town's banner in helping to convince the 7-member Route 57 Task Force to vote in favor of the project and to forward a favorable report to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Rheault has eloquently handled the Route 57 issue since Fieldstad appointed him to the council subcommittee chairmanship a year ago and deserves to continue as the town's major spokesman for Route 57 alongside State Representative Edward W. Connelly.

We cannot understand why statements are being issued that Rheault has failed to conduct subcommittee meeting during his tenure as chairman.

According to our records, he has called two Route 57 subcommittee meetings last year, on February 16 and on March 23.

When the special Task Force was established last spring to help settle the regional squabbling on the extension, there was no further need for council subcommittee meetings.

In our estimation, if the extension fails in the future, the responsibility must be shouldered by President Fieldstad and Councilor Bartnik and not by Councilor Rheault and Representative Connelly.

We ask the council leader to reconsider his current position. The complexities of issue, its background, and solid knowledge of the Task Force calls for Councilor Rheault's experience.

## Guest Editorial... Rheault Says Deals Made In Rte. 57 Chair

By Councilor Donald Rheault

I would like to publicly discuss an action taken by Council President Paul Fieldstad this past Monday evening, to remove myself as Chairman of the Route 57 Committee and naming John Bartnik as my replacement. Needless to say this took me by complete surprise.

### Never A Sleigh-Ride

Politics in Agawam never has been a sleigh-ride but it has now reached a new low.

In 1980 when this present council was elected, I felt that new leadership was necessary in the office of the President. I supported the candidacy of President Paul Fieldstad and the candidacy of William Herd as Vice-President. At that time Fieldstad told me that Bartnik and Herd were very upset because he was naming me Chairman of Route 57.

I thought I was selected for having the most experience, having served on the Route 57 Committee some six years ago. I spent many long hours, including using personal vacation days going to Boston and worked very hard to continue Route 57 moving forward.

When re-elected to the council, I was made chairman of Route 57 and have worked continuously as hard. I have held the necessary committee meetings and was selected because of this effort as Agawam's representative to the Route 57 Task Force. I am very proud of leading that task force to a positive vote of 5-2 to continue with the bypass. I went to meetings on crutches, including the public hearing held in Agawam. I have always been available to the council and the public to hear and show their concerns. I attended one Sunday evening meeting of the Hendom Heights group to listen to their concerns as well as another evening meeting of the Route 57 Support Committee.

Mr. Fieldstad himself on various occasions told me "You must spend several hours on Route 57." He even called my home to be certain I watched coverage of Route 57. The interesting part of this story is that this was before the recent vote to change the council president.

I now hear the reason that I need replacing is that I haven't called enough committee meetings and, therefore, we need a new chairman. I find this interesting because the new Route 57 chairman, Mr. Bartnik, never attended a single one of these meetings. If he was really interested I would think he would have attended at least one.

We now see the leadership of the Council President showing his true color to his loyal supporters. If the members of the council who support this feel it is right...good luck.

### Changed Her Vote

Councilor Elaine Bonavita changed her vote on the recent attempt to change council presidents because "they offered her a deal." She personally told me on the phone and even asked me to ask councilor Stephen Cincotta what he was offering for her vote. I told her nothing...that kind of support I don't need.

The Hendom Heights people (anti-Route 57) are "putting pressure on their councilors," Walter Kerr and William Herd. Now I realize why Kerr went against his word to me to support Cincotta for president and myself as vice-president. He's been rewarded by Fieldstad for his vote. Kerr won't chair the Route 57 Committee; that's too obvious, but with Bartnik, a record of do-nothing and show nothing, instead, it serves the purpose.

This is the first time in the history of this council/manager form of government that any chairman of a committee was replaced. Isn't it strange that no other chairman was affected? I challenge anyone to prove I haven't represented the town well or have not worked hard with Route 57. I know of no one who has worked any harder...but that isn't what counts. What does count is "this time I didn't support Fieldstad for council president but Bartnik and Kerr did."

Well, to each of the council and to the people of Agawam...my principles will not change. I will not sell my soul for what is in it for me. My father taught me at a very young age some basic lessons of life... "Be honest, work hard, and go by the law of the land." That is what I have done and I am proud of it. I wonder if they dare say the same.

## Letters to the Editor

### Proposition 2½ A Hoax On Homeowners

To The Editor,

The theory behind Proposition 2½ was that it would lower property taxes. With property taxes in our state the highest in the nation, naturally, most homeowners voted for Proposition 2½. In Agawam, we now have a real estate tax increase of over 6 dollars per 1000 valuation. We have to pay this increase into 1981. The homeowners in Agawam are now saddled with this real estate tax increase and the possibility of increasing costs for other services. The homeowners are again taking it on the chin.

There are many bills in our legislature to modify or repeal 2½. If any of these bills are enacted into law, homeowners are going to be stuck for increase costs for municipal services. I sincerely feel that no community should increase any fees to homeowners until a substantial decrease in property taxes become a reality. To date, homeowners have not benefitted from 2½.

In 1975, when I was chairman of the board of assessors, the real estate taxes were about 2 percent of the fair market value of homes in Agawam. I don't feel it has reached 2½ percent today. Because of this, I don't see how 2½ could benefit our town. It would benefit most of the large cities in the eastern part of our state. The only residents of our town who will benefit from 2½ are those who own luxury automobiles, not the homeowners.

If our town needs to make up funds lost because of 2½, the town should collect all the taxes due it. There are hundreds of unregistered vehicles in town that are not being taxed. Obviously, the owners are not paying the personal property taxes on these vehicles. If they were, these vehicles would not be rusting in their yards.

Are we collecting all the personal property taxes due the town from business firms, tradesmen, and professional people? Personal property taxes are tax deductible. Thus, it would not be a severe financial hardship to them.

The point that I would like to make is that there are other ways to increase the revenue for the town without burdening the homeowners. Adding or increasing homeowner fees for services was not the intent of Proposition 2½.

Rudy Altobelli

### Resident Keeps Up On The News

To The Editor:

Just a note to express the home feeling I experience when I receive my copy of the *Advertiser/News* and read all about the news in our town.

Being a former Selectman, I am particularly interested in the political functions of our town government and understand that the persons serving our town in this capacity have difficult decisions, but I'm sure that their judgments are made sincerely in the best interests to all of us.

Living in Florida during the winter months is great, but a person can't help to feel a bit of nostalgia, especially from Agawam.

Raymond E. Charest

### Public Hearing In Boston

The following letter from State Representative Edward W. Connelly to Town Clerk Edward A. Caba is being published at the request of Rep. Connelly.

Dear Mr. Caba:

In accordance with the certification of the Agawam Council vote requesting legislation to be filed relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages, I am enclosing a copy of House Bill 5013.

The public hearing on this matter will be held on February 18, 1981 at 11:00 AM in the State House, Room 466 before the Committee on Government Regulations.

I trust this information is satisfactory.

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## Guidance Bulletin Board

by Paul Cavallo,  
Director of Guidance

The following scholarships forms are available in the High School Guidance Office:

1) American Legion Auxiliary National President's Scholarship: candidates for this award must be daughters or sons of veterans who served during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion; that is, World War I, II, Korean War, and the VietNam War.

2) American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Massachusetts: candidates must be a child or grandchild of a living or deceased veteran who served in WWI, WWII, Korean War, and the VietNam.

Summer Jobs: Now is the time to start thinking about summer jobs. If interested in any of the following, see Mrs. Wirtz in the Career Resource Center at the High School.

YMCA summer camp - senior counselor (age 18).

YMCA summer camp - junior counselor (age 16-17).

U. S. Conservation Corps

The following college acceptance notices have been received by the High School Guidance Department:

Carmela Marzano, STCC; Kathy Barry, Marymount, Johnson & Wales; Lisa Hopping, Mt. Ida Jr. College; Jeff Kerr, Western New England College of Pharmacy; Lisa Vivenzio, STCC; Dana Johnson, Franklin Pierce College; Mike Knight, UMass; Kathy Foley, Michigan State University; Sharon Stefanik, Fitchburg State, North Adams State; Nancy O'Keefe, North Adams;

Also, Tom Doucette, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Laura Gendron, Bethany College; Marion Margosiak, UMass; Chris Liberatore, Marist; David Podgorski, UMass; Kathy Nicora, Franklin Pierce College; Deborah Peterson, Bay Path Jr. College; Sig Mallard, STCC; Ann Sherry, Westfield State;

Also, Nate Harriman, U. Lowell; Marjorie Dickman, UMass; Chris Skowera, UMass, Salem State, Fitchburg State; Patricia Ross, Keene State; Steven Page, AIC; Sharon Ferry, AIC; Carol Goehlert, AIC; Lisa Hellquist, Endicott Jr. College; Beth Golemo, Springfield College, Bridgewater State; Kim Fulvi, AIC; Deborah Cheetham, Springfield College; and Tammy Bousquet, STCC.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., Feb. 9: Pizza w/cheese topping, tossed garden salad w/dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk

Tues., Feb. 10: Beef & vegetable soup, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, 1/2 chicken salad sandwich, buttered niblet corn, white cake w/topping, milk

Wed., Feb. 11: Filet of fish sandwich in roll, oven french fries, raw carrot sticks, chilled peaches in syrup, milk

Thurs., Feb. 12: White meat turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered sweet peas and carrots, bread & butter, chocolate cake w/vanilla icing, milk

Fri., Feb. 13: Fruit juice, sausage grinder w/tomato sauce, cheese cubes, buttered broccoli cuts, chocolate nut pudding w/topping, milk

## Sponsors Sought To Fund Bus Patrol D.C. Trip

On April 30th, members of the Agawam School Bus Patrol will leave on their traditional trip to Washington, D.C. Each member who participates in the trip must be sponsored for the \$100 cost by a club, business, or individual.

Anyone interested in helping out with any amount of money to make this memorable 3-day trip possible for the greatest number of hard-working youngsters is asked to contact Safety Officer Al Longhi as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to the Safety Officer for the Safety Patrol and sent to the Police Department, 36 Main Street.

## Local Student Attains Bay Path Dean's List

Lori Ann Woodruff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Woodruff of Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, attained Dean's List standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow.

A member of the Class of 1982, Miss Woodruff is enrolled in the Medical Secretary program leading to an associate in science degree.

## WSC Announces Informal Music Readings

The February schedule of informal readings of orchestra music to be sponsored by Westfield State College for area musicians include a meeting on Sunday, February 8th, at 3:00 p.m. to play Bizet's *Carmen Suite No. 1* and Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances*.

The second February meeting will take place on the 26th at 7:30 p.m. to play Haydn's *Symphony No. 104* and Mozart's *Regina Coeli* with the WSC Chorale.

These and additional meetings scheduled for later months will occur in Bates Recital Hall. No auditions are required, and refreshments will be served.

For further information, call 568-3311, ext. 356 or 360 or in the evenings, 733-1610.

## Rockettes Perform



The Mary Ann Rockettes from Mary Ann's School of Dance recently performed at a dance marathon which raised over \$3,000 for cancer research. From left to right, Terry, Kelly, Janet, Lori, MaryAnn, and Lisa.

## HCC Organizes Youth Soloist Competition

Student musicians from Western Massachusetts who wish to compete in the Eighth Annual Youth Soloist Competition of the Holyoke College-Civic Orchestra are invited to apply by March 16.

The winner, who will be selected by a jury audition to be held April 11th at Holyoke Community College, will receive a \$100 scholarship and will be invited to perform as soloist with the orchestra during its 1981-1982 season.

The competition is open to vocalists in the junior year of high school through the senior year of college and to pianists and instrumentalists (standard orchestra instruments only) who are high school juniors through college sophomores.

Persons desiring further information may contact the orchestra's music director, Ms. Susan Melnick at 229 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01060. There is no entry fee required.

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## Acting Techniques Workshop Offered

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Limited to ensemble size, the workshop will focus on non-verbal communication and theories of color, imaging, and masking. Classes will be held on week night evenings and are open to interested actors regardless of age or experience.

Also being planned is a workshop on successful auditioning and the production of a new musical to be cast primarily from the workshop.

For more information, call 732-5628.



## Snippets

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# SPORTS



Agawam girls basketball team in action against Westfield saw persistent offense and defense pay off in a 44-37 win. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Girls Top Westfield 44-37

By Debbie Guidi

The Agawam Girl's Varsity Basketball team enhanced its record with a 44-37 win over Westfield High Tuesday after squashing Amherst Friday night 47-20.

The Tuesday victory came after a decisive fourth quarter where the Brownies shook off Westfield and jumped ahead to win after three close periods.

Agawam scored first, but was behind 12-10 at the end of the first quarter. The teams alternated slim leads most of the second period, and the score deadlocked at 21 apiece at the buzzer.

Agawam came on strong in the third quarter, but Westfield proved equal to the challenge and kept the scoring even throughout the stanza.

Agawam was ahead 31-30 with ten minutes to go when they started to turn out the extra effort needed to neatly sweep the opposition under the rug. As the Brownies increased the point margin, Westfield got more and more nervous and simply let their game fall apart during the last 4 minutes.

Agawam's Debbie Cheetham, Lynn Mogan, and Shari Baldarelli were helpful in clinching the Brownie lead in the final 5 minutes of the game with a fine offensive effort. The three were also Agawam's top point-getters, with 12, 12, and 14, respectively.

Though Agawam got just one basket more than Westfield with 16-15, the opposition bombed at the foul line, sinking just 5 of 18 attempts for 26%. Agawam fared much better there, connecting on 12 of 26 tries for an adequate 46% efficiency from the charity line.

Agawam's Coach Karen Fitzgerald noted that her team's composure throughout the match kept the Brownies in the game and allowed them to eventually pull ahead for the win.

"We kept our cool tonight and it made a big difference. We didn't turn over the ball as much as Westfield did. We were composed and kept up our fonifence in the game," she said.

"We shut off their two key players. They scored a lot of points against us in the last game we played against them. This time there was equal scoring—we had three players in the double figures," Mrs. Fitzgerald added.

With this week's wins, Agawam sports an 11-3 record. They will host Holyoke this Friday at the high school gym before going to Chicopee Comp. next Tuesday.



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## Skaters Cruise Past Pacers, 7-2

By Steve Berard

Led by a pair of goals from Mike Lazazzara, Agawam's varsity skaters breezed past the winless Pacers of Chicopee, 7-2. It was the Brownies first win in their last four outings, and the two points keep them in sole possession of 3rd place. Even though the locals scored seven goals, the game was played rather lethargically. The usually boisterous puckster fans were for the most part silent throughout the contest.

Agawam drew first blood at 5:06 of the opening stanza. Taking advantage of a 2 on 1 break, Senior Captain Jim Shea drew the defender and shuffled a pass to winger John Couture. Couture made a smooth inside move, and then cut right and shot, giving the Brownies a 1-0 lead. Two minutes later, Lazazzara scored a near duplicate goal on a long fifty foot pass from Jeff Masi, to increase the margin to 2-0.

The most exciting play of the period, however, came when Jerry Ferrendino knocked down a Pacer forward before he could unload a slapshot. Although scoring only twice, Agawam held the edge offensively and the offense limited the shots on starting netminder, John Kunasek.

Midway through the second stanza, Lazazzara notched another tally courtesy of a Chicopee defender. The Pacer slid and knocked the puck past his own teammate, enhancing the Agawam lead to three goals. With two minutes left in the period, the 0-13 Pacers finally got on the board. A long flipshot took an odd bounce off the ice, and trickled through Kunasek's pads, but the Brownies still finished with a 3-1 edge.

Agawam rapped up the game in the third period on goals by Eggleston, Sullivan, Ferrendino, and Drewnowski. Coach Sapelli chose to give unexperienced varsity players some ice time and they handled themselves well. "Rondoletto made a good play setting up Drewnowski out in front," commented Masi of Drewnowski's goal in the game's final minute.

With the upcoming playoff, the hot and now tepid Brownies need another victory chain. Defenseman Steve Moreau sums it up by saying "We have to be consistent and play strong heads-up hockey."

Recreation vehicle buyers are good credit risks, concludes a study of the American Bankers Association (ABA). RV buyers have the third highest loan repayment record, as compared to nine other types of borrowers.

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Attendance at professional baseball games in the United States and Canada climbed in 1980 to 57,357,742 — an increase of more than 800,000.

In the majors, the total, for the second straight year, was more than 43 million paying customers during the regular season.

## Gymnasts Improve Despite Loss

By Debbie Guidi

The Agawam High gymnasts suffered their fourth loss of the season Monday night against Minnechaug, dropping the match with 75.5 points to the opposition's 88.35.

The defeat was, as usual, nothing to cry about as Agawam turned in a fine performance in spite of the numbers. Especially so, when you consider that in three events, Agawam had just the required four competitors, whereas Minnechaug had six in each event except the uneven parallels.

Minnechaug won the floor exercises 22.05 points to 18.60, thanks mainly to Lori Ann Veto, who was awarded a high 8.3 for an exceptional performance that included the cleanest tumbling runs of the night. All-around Patrice Ross scored a 5.05 for Agawam with her impressively controlled, fluid routine.

At the vault, the Brownies were awarded fine scores of 6.8, 7.6, and 7.45, not to mention a 7.9 from Sue Poirier's handspring vault which Coach Laurine Gregouli says is a school record. However, they lost the event with 29.75 points to Minnechaug's 31.95 and were behind by a running score of 48.35 to 54.0.

Patrice Ross was awarded a 4.1 for her beam routine, while Sue Poirier received a 3.7. Minnechaug's high score here was a 6.0 from Marcy Sitnik. Teammate Lori Veto followed close with a 5.75 to help her team reach its 19.45 points for the event. Agawam received 13.40.

The Brownies took the last event, the uneven parallels, 13.758 points to 12.92. Patrice Ross led her team with a 3.85, while the opposition's Paula Mazur was awarded a 6.0.

Though Minnechaug received some of the highest scores Agawam has faced this season, most of their scoring was comparable to Agawam's. Three of their gymnasts made the big difference, while the rest of the team was of similar caliber of competition as the

Brownies have been facing until this week.

Agawam's progress from meet to meet has been impressive. The team has been consistently raising its scores, especially on the bars, after starting out the season a bit weak in that event.

Coach Gregouli was pleased with the scores for Monday's meet and seemed a little surprised that Agawam managed to keep the score as close as the team did.

"We've been up against some pretty tough teams, but I'm proud of the way they've hung in there. They're really working hard. Today we did the best so far this season on the vault and bars. Sue Poirier got the new school record, and Cindy Fontaine got a 6.8 today, which is a personal best for her," the coach said.

Miss Gregouli had correctly predicted that this week would be a tough one for the Brownies as they were squaring off against the three best teams in a seven-day span.

A Monday loss to West Side was followed by a 2 point loss to Minnechaug on Saturday which makes Agawam 2-6 so far.

In both meets, the Brownies scored into the 5.0's on the bars as well as the beam, which Coach Gregouli says has been a shaky event. In the West Side meet, Ellen Smith was awarded a 5.4 at the beam, which was a personal best as well as an event high. Smith's performance pleased the coach, who noted that the gymnast had not been scoring such high points on the beam previously.

"She'd been getting in the 2's, but all of a sudden, she just put it all together and turned in a good beam routine," the coach explained.

She continued, "We're really improving, and we've been consistent even with all the tough teams we've been facing."

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8-10 BOYS	
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10-12 BOYS	
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## AAA HIGHLIGHTS

### 8-10 GIRLS

The Lions successfully took on the Russo Construction team with Amy Vacirca and Sophie Osentoski leading the way offensively. Also contributing for the Lions were Susan Fassnacht, Allyson Murphy, and Jennifer Bonavita.

A vastly improved Russo team pushed to the very end through the efforts of Tricia Rea, Tracey Sitek, Kara Tebaldi, Kelley Erskine, and Kelly Piccoli.

### 11-13 GIRLS

Abbie Sheehan, Gina Frasco, and Karen Phillips led Liquori Brothers in their exciting 25-22 victory over West Springfield Fish & Game. Cathy Sheehan, Kelley Wagner, and Kara O'Connell played good defense for the winners.

For Fish & Game, Susan Uschmann, Cathy Landry, Leslie Fogg, Ann Marie Marmo, and Michelle Blanchard kept the game close all the way with some clutch shooting and good defense.

### 8-10 BOYS

St. Anthony's defeated a persistent Pioneer Valley Auto Parts team 19-14 in a hard-fought, low-scoring game in which defense held the key. Outstanding play for St. Anthony's came from Phil Barry, Larry Sheehan, Jon DePalma, and Harry Minet.

Pioneer Valley stuck it out to the end led by fine play from Dan Larouche, Travis Hyland, and Chuck Hoffman.

### 10-12 BOYS

Strong performances by center Brian Trembley and forward-guard Greg LaRouche powered Agawam Custodian to their fourth consecutive victory over previously unbeaten Butcher's Corner, 39-23.

Custodian's win propelled the black-clad quintet to sole possession of first place in AAA Boys 10-12.

Butcher's Corner turned in a fine showing led by mighty-mite backcourt ace Dave Consolini, whose penetrating quickness to the hoop created all kinds of problems for Custodian.

### 13-15 BOYS

The Polish Club continued its winning ways with a victory over the Lions. Coach Phil Vecchiarelli was pleased with efforts from his bench and cited the play of Mike Marmo, John Losito, Don Lancour, and Eric Meunier as key reasons for the victory.

A good game for the Lions was turned in led by Brian Dupuis, Rick Leal, Alan D'Amours, and Jeff Losito.

## Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba



Would you believe that nearly 9,000 bills have been filed for the 1981 legislative session which probably means it will be a long year. Committee chairmen in the House were named this week including new leaders William Nagle of Northampton, Natural Resources; Thomas White of Worcester, Public Safety. In the Senate, Senator John Burke of Holyoke was named chairman of Public Safety, while Carol Amick was renamed Natural Resources chairman.

Amick and White have had shaky records on sportsmen's issues in the past, and with the murder of Beatle John Lennon, sportsmen must be active as the anti-gun forces are already operating on Beacon Hill. No hearings have been set as of this date.

There are several bills that need mentioning here at this time, and you should contact your representative and the chairman of Natural Resources that you are against them.

S.952-Eliminating the varmint season in Massachusetts. This bill would have far-reaching effects if it is passed into law. The farmers would be overrun with the pesky animals.

H.666 and 667 would allow mechanical bow releases and rifled barrels for deer season.

H.1843 would require the wearing of a full body suit of hunter orange in order to hunt. This means that the bowhunter would be required to wear the suit also. It is tough enough to get a deer with camouflage clothing now. To be further hindered by wearing a bright orange suit is definitely a no-no.

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The Boone and Crockett Club assumed sole responsibility for maintaining the trophy records for North American big game January 1st. Since 1973, Boone and Crockett has been sharing responsibility for the program with the National Rifle Association, which handled the everyday administration of the program.

The last edition of the records book, *North American Big Game*, was published as a joint project in 1977. The next edition is expected in 1981 and will be published by the Boone and Crockett Club.

On the local scene, ice fisherman Ted Progulski, Agawam, was fishing Big Pond, which had a 26 inch ice cover. One of his types indicated that he had a fish on. After a good struggle, he landed a 5½ pound small-mouth bass. It might have been in the state's record book, except Ted beheaded it and placed the carcass in the freezer.

Another fish story is worth mentioning. Bill Duncan, Feeding Hills, traveled to the Ox Bowl in Holyoke for a fishing foray. He put out a good number of type and was soon rewarded with a "tip-up." Bill grabbed the line and the fish took off like a rocket. He couldn't control it for a while. Finally, he enticed it to the hole in the ice, and the fish, a northern pike, came through the eight-inch hole halfway and not a mite further.

Bill tried his darnedest to free the fish. In the struggle, the line parted and the fish dropped down into the water. Bill grabbed it by the snout and again tried to bring it up through the hole. It wouldn't come and finally slipped out of his frozen hands and gained its freedom. Bet Bill drills a 10-inch hole next time out.

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BY JOHN DALTON

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But did you know his Hollywood career resulted from a trip he made to California in the late 1930s to visit a baseball spring training camp?

"I used to listen to Ron when I was a kid," says Abe Barron, general manager at WHO Radio in Des Moines, Iowa.

"He was very good," says Barron. "He did his homework."

In 1933, Reagan began broadcasting Chicago Cubs games (and a few for the White Sox) for WHO. He practiced the common radio trick of taking inning-by-inning reports off a news ticker in the studio and recreating the action — using his imagination to make it seem as if he were at the ballpark.

During the Cubs' National League pennant-winning season in 1935, Reagan was calling the plays, by remote,

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Published: February 5, 1981

### LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MIGUEL HOLLANDER who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 24 (a) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of an addition with less than the required side yard clearance on the premises known 21 WASHINGTON AVENUE.

By order of the Board of Appeals.  
T. A. Progulske, Chairman

Published: Jan. 29, 1981 & Feb. 5, 1981

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